

Transition to National Registry Testing

June 2012



Why Change Now?

- Virginia no longer has access to certification exams that are validated, psychometrically sound and legally defensible
- Transitioning to National Registry allows Virginia to:
 - Standardize the entire initial certification process
 - Be fully compliant with the National EMS Education document

National Registry Exam Types

- The National Registry offers ten exam types:
 - Five (5) certification exams
 - First Responder / EMR
 - EMT-Basic / EMT
 - Advanced EMT
 - EMT Intermediate/99
 - EMT Paramedic / Paramedic
 - Five (5) assessment exams
 - Assessment - EMR
 - Assessment - EMT
 - Assessment - AEMT
 - Assessment - Intermediate
 - Assessment - Paramedic

National Registry Exam Types

- For certification in Virginia, most candidates will take one of the five (5) certification exams.
- Exceptions to this policy include but are not limited to:
 - Candidates under the age of 18
 - Virginia Intermediate candidates testing after December 31, 2013
 - Virginia EMS providers seeking recertification after December 31, 2013
 - Virginia EMS providers in reentry, Legal Recognition or seeking to challenge after December 31, 2013

National Registry & Virginia Reciprocity

- Beginning July 1, 2012, Virginia will allow reciprocity for all National Registry certifications.
 - Reciprocity will transition from a paper-based process to an automated process for all students/candidates enrolled in Virginia approved certification programs.
 - For individuals coming into Virginia from outside the state, reciprocity will continue to be paper-based. We require this to verify:
 - existing certifications and training
 - CPR credentials, and
 - to conduct background checks
- Individuals with out of state certification, but no NREMT certification will be granted Legal Recognition.

BLS Examination Cost

- The Virginia Office of EMS will cover the cost of the first attempt at the National Registry EMR and EMT cognitive exam for Virginia trained providers:
 - EMR Exam costs \$65.00
 - EMT Exam costs \$70.00
- If a candidate is a 'no show' to a National Registry exam, this will count as their paid attempt.
- If the candidate fails their first attempt, they will bear the cost of all subsequent attempts at the National Registry examination.

Which BLS exam will I take?

- For initial BLS certification courses ending BEFORE July 1, 2012, candidates will take the Virginia written and practical certification exam.
 - Candidates testing under this method will continue in the Virginia testing series until all allowable test attempts are exhausted.

BLS Initial Certification Testing

- For courses ending after July 1, 2012, there are three components to the BLS testing process:
 - Virginia psychomotor exam (must be taken first)
 - NREMT cognitive exam
 - Reciprocity

Which BLS exam will I take?

- For initial BLS certification courses ending ON OR AFTER July 1, 2012, students will take the Virginia psychomotor examination
 - Candidates testing under this method will take the psychomotor examination in Virginia until all allowable testing attempts have been exhausted. Should they not be successful in the four (4) attempts allowed, they would be required to repeat an entire EMT course.
- Upon successful completion of the Virginia psychomotor examination, students will take the National Registry cognitive examination until all test attempts are exhausted. Students will fall under NREMT testing policies.
- Upon successful completion of the NREMT cognitive examination, the provider will receive certification in Virginia.

Students/Candidates Under 18

- The National Registry does not certify individuals who are under 18 years of age.
- Virginia EMR and EMT students/candidates who are under 18 years of age at the time of certification testing will be required to:
 - Register for an account on the National Registry website.
 - Register to take either the EMR or EMT assessment examination.
 - Obtain a government issued photo identification.
- Assessment exam results will be electronically passed to Virginia for use in Virginia certification.
- The Office of EMS will be required to mark these students as being eligible for NREMT testing.

BLS Test Site Admission Criteria

- Virginia Psychomotor Examination (CTS)
 - State issued Eligibility to Test Letter from the EMS Portal
 - Variance and/or Accommodation Letter, if applicable
 - Government Issued photo identification or high school issued photo identification
- National Registry Cognitive Examination (Pearson VUE)
 - NREMT Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter
 - NREMT Accommodation Letter, if applicable
 - Government Issued photo identification
 - Candidates who do not have a government issued driver's license will be required to have a U.S. Passport or government issued photo identification card. There are no exceptions to this policy.
 - DMV link: <http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/citizen/id/index.asp>

Process & Timeline



Emergency Medical Responder Process

Last Class

- Instructor completes 'last class' paperwork
- Instructor completes the CSDR



National Registry Application

- Candidate creates NREMT account
- Candidate registers with NREMT to take the EMR exam.
- Instructor marks student as passed on NREMT site



Virginia Psychomotor Testing

- Candidate registers for a CTS site
- Candidate takes the Virginia psychomotor exam



Psychomotor Retesting, if applicable

- Candidate can retest at the CTS if allowed per the TPAM
- Candidate follows Virginia Psychomotor exam retest policy



Candidate Schedules NREMT Exam

- Candidate gets Authorization to Test letter (ATT) from NREMT
- Schedules exam through Pearson VUE



National Registry Exam

- Student takes the NREMT cognitive exam at Pearson VUE
- Upon successful completion, candidate will receive Virginia certification

Emergency Medical Responder

Recertification

- Provider is current (not expired)
- They will take the Virginia written exam until December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing
- They will take NREMT exam after December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing

Reentry

- Provider has expired Virginia certification
- They will take the Virginia written and practical exam until December 31, 2013
- They will take Virginia psychomotor and NREMT cognitive exam after December 31, 2013

Process & Timeline



Emergency Medical Technician Process

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Legal Recognition

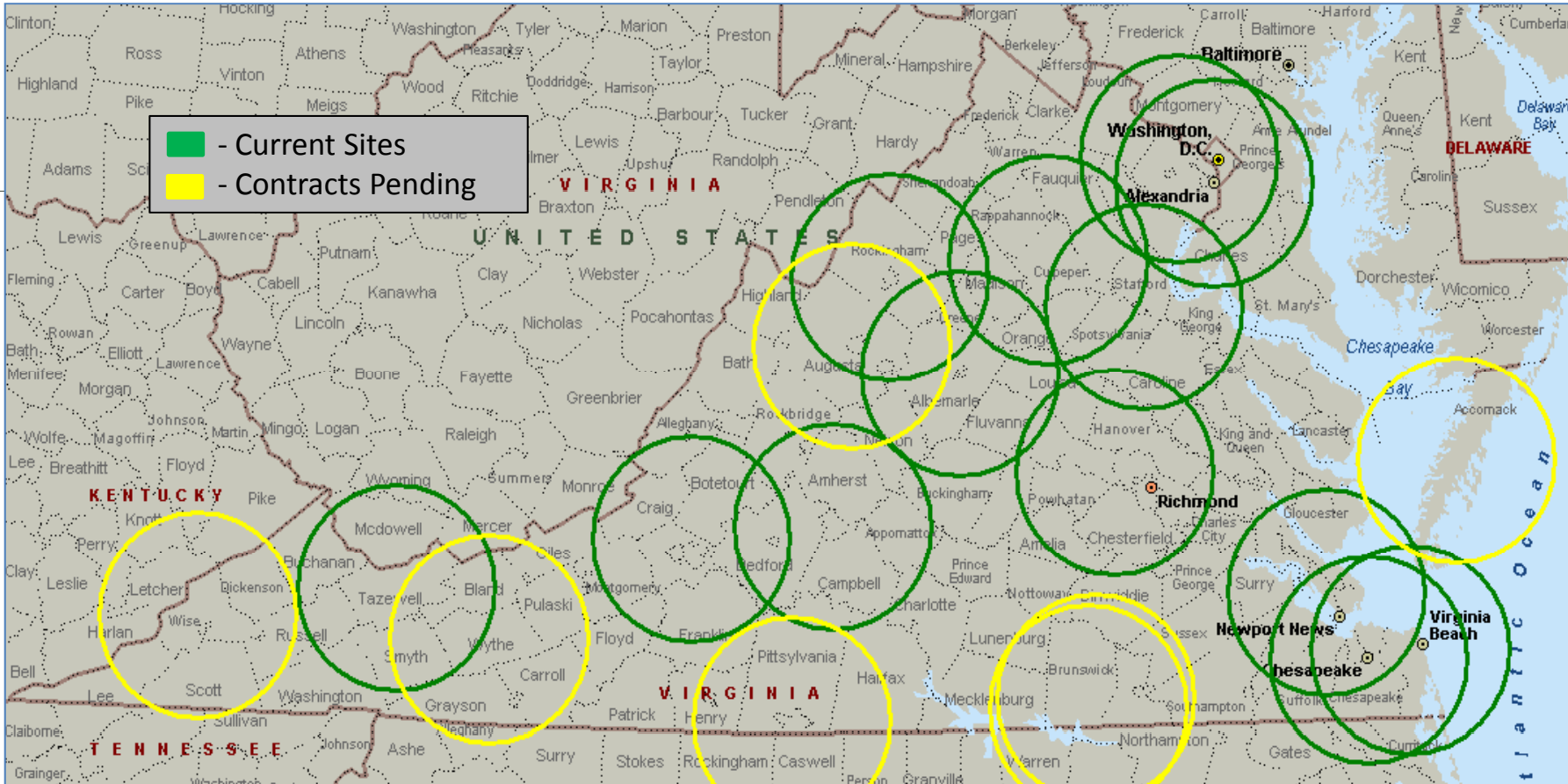
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Challenges

- Candidates will:
- Take the Virginia written and practical exam until December 31, 2013
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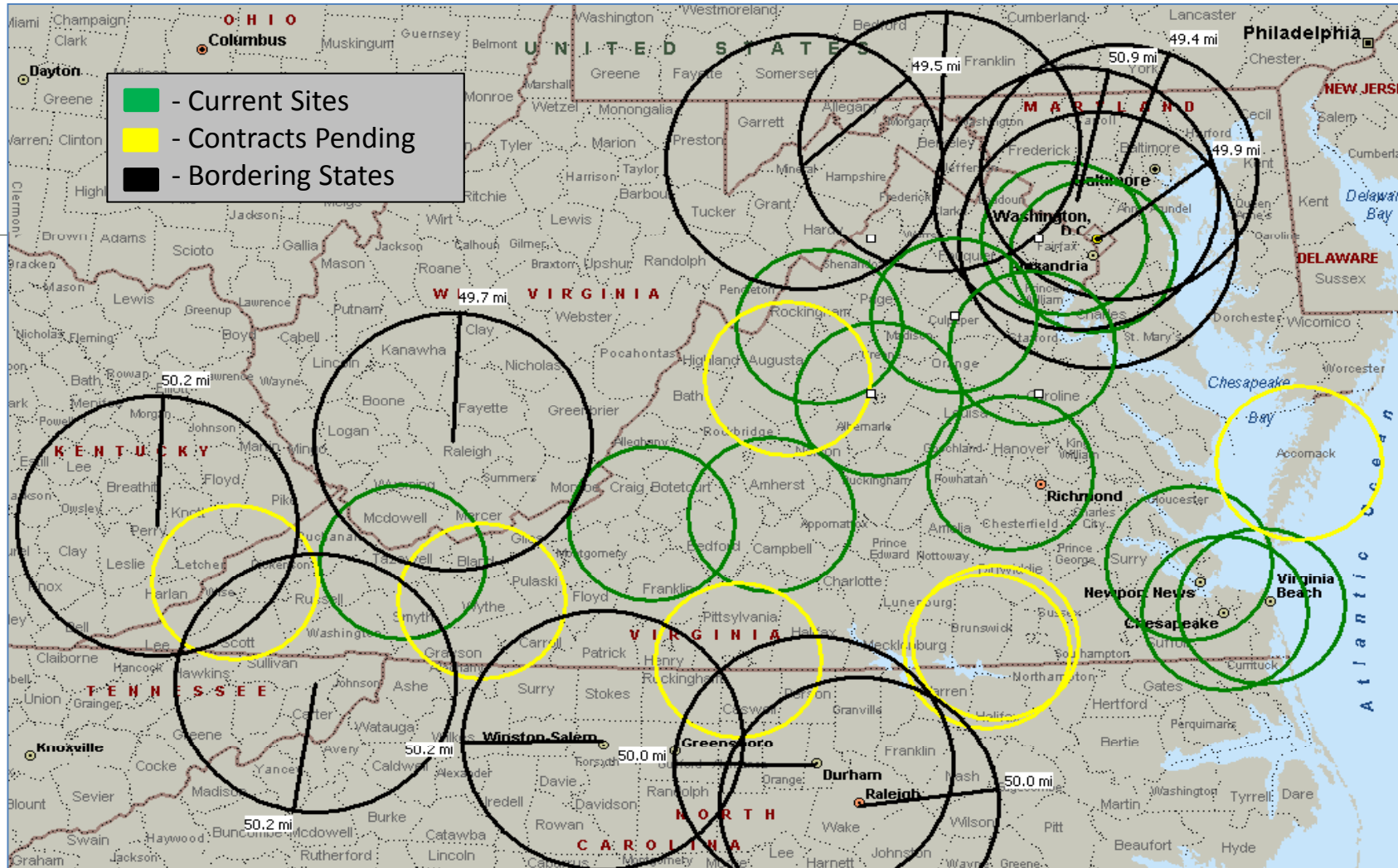
Pearson VUE Testing Center Map

[Virginia Sites]



Pearson VUE Testing Center Map

[Virginia and Bordering State Sites]



Approved Pearson VUE Testing Center Addresses

Virginia Beach

Tidewater Community College
1700 College Crescent
ATC Building Room 228
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23453

Vienna

Pearson Professional Centers
8391 Old Courthouse Road
Suite 201
Vienna, Virginia 22182

Lynchburg

Pearson Professional Centers
424 Graves Mill Road
Graves Mill Office Park - Suite 200-A
Lynchburg, Virginia 24502

Newport News

Pearson Professional Centers
825 Diligence Drive
Suite 120
Newport News, Virginia 23606

Richmond

Pearson Professional Centers
3900 Westerre Parkway
Suite 202
Richmond, Virginia 23233

Roanoke

Pearson Professional Centers
6701 Peters Creek Road
Northpark Business Center
Roanoke, Virginia 24019

Cedar Bluff

Southwest Virginia Community College
PO Box SVCC, Richlands, VA 24609
369 Community College Road,
Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609

Charlottesville

National College
3926 Seminole Trail
Charlottesville, Virginia 22911

Harrisonburg

National College
1515 Country Club Rd
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802

Alexandria

Pearson Professional Centers
1900 North Beauregard Street
Suite 12
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

Chesapeake

Pearson Professional Centers
1403 Greenbrier Parkway
Suite 530
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Fredericksburg

TBA

Culpeper

TBA

Pending Pearson VUE Testing Center Addresses

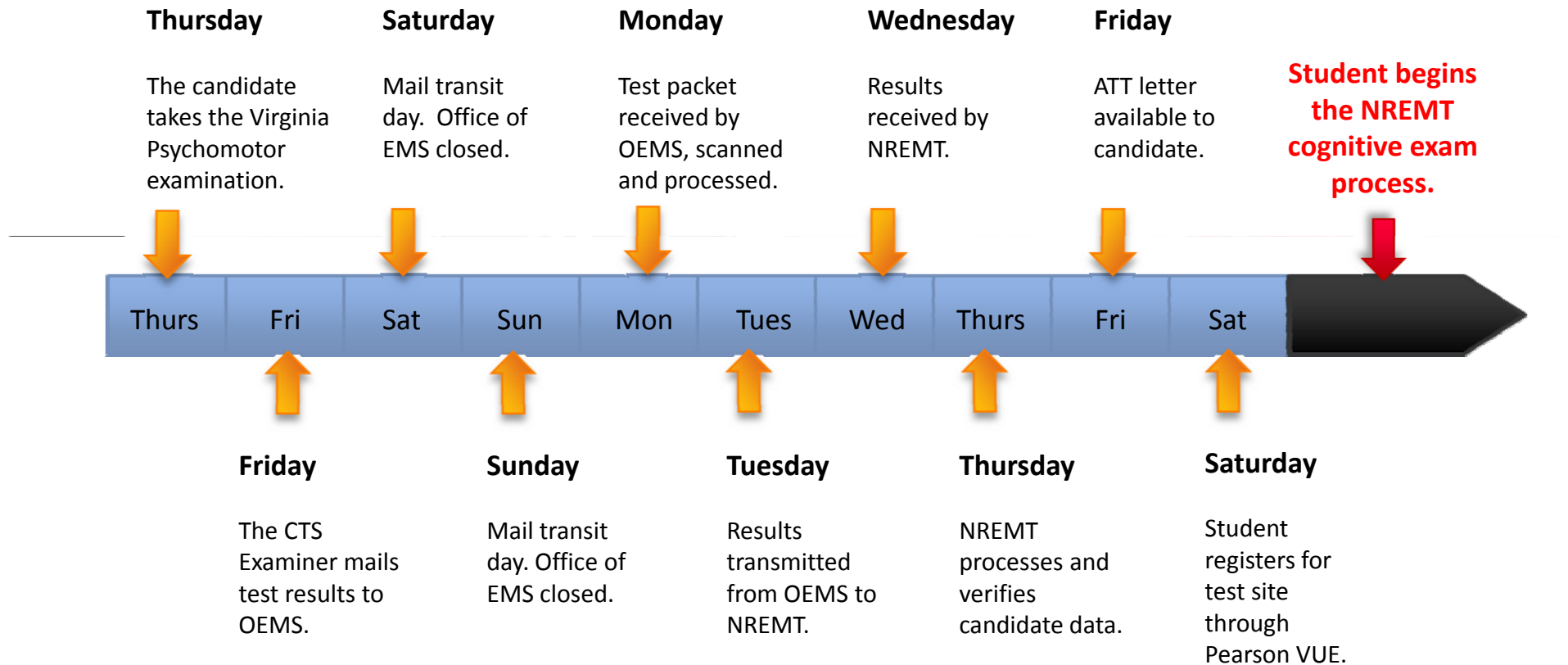
- Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services - Staunton, Virginia
 - Contract pending
- Eastern Shore Community College - Melfa, Virginia
 - Contact continues

- Lake Country Advanced Knowledge Center - South Hill, Virginia
 - Contact continues; Contract addendums
- Mountain Empire Community College - Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 - Moving forward with application
- National College - Danville, Virginia
 - Contact continues
- Southside Virginia Community College - Alberta, Virginia
 - Moving forward with application
- Wytheville Community College – Wytheville, Virginia
 - Contact continues - site awaiting space approval

Recertification in Virginia

— Virginia providers will
not be required to
keep National Registry!

Sample OEMS/NREMT Timeline



This timeline is an example ONLY! There are a number of variables at play which make it nearly impossible to develop a timeline which will apply in all cases.

National Registry Pass/Fail Stats - EMT

National Registry - Overall

Pass/Fail Report – Q1 2007 to Q2 2012 – Data Run 6/21/2012

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
366,931	67%	79%	80%	0%	7%	13%

National Registry – Virginia Providers

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Virginia Test Results

Pass/Fail Report – Q1 2007 to Q2 2012 – Data Run 6/21/2012

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass
25,418	72%

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?



ALS Initial Certification Testing

- The testing method/process for ALS programs will vary depending on the certification level in question and the current date.
- The following slides detail the following ALS programs:
 - EMT-Enhanced
 - Advanced EMT
 - Intermediate
 - Paramedic

Process & Timeline



EMT-Enhanced Process

EMT-Enhanced students/candidates will see no change the current processes used for certification testing.



Upon successful completion of the Virginia EMT-Enhanced written and practical certification exams, students will be issued Virginia EMT-Enhanced certification.

EMT-Enhanced Process

Virginia will continue to offer EMT-Enhanced certification courses and testing until the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the EMT-Enhanced to Advanced EMT transition timeline.

EMT-Enhanced

Recertification

- Provider is current (not expired)
- They will take the Virginia written exam (unless they are waived from testing) until the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the EMT-Enhanced to Advanced EMT transition timeline.

Reentry

- Provider has expired Virginia certification
- They will take the Virginia written until the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the EMT-Enhanced to Advanced EMT transition timeline.

Process & Timeline



Advanced EMT Process

Virginia is not legally capable of recognizing the Advanced EMT certification level until such time as the new EMS Rules and Regulations are promulgated and the Office implements the EMT-Enhanced to Advanced EMT transition timeline.



Individuals coming to Virginia with only NREMT Advanced EMT certification will be issued a Virginia EMT card through Reciprocity.

Process & Timeline



Intermediate Process

Intermediate students/candidates will see no change in the current processes used for certification testing until January 1, 2014.

Intermediate Process

Testing on or before
December 31, 2013

- Students/candidates will:
 - Take the National Registry cognitive and psychomotor examination and complete the NREMT certification process.
 - Virginia reciprocity will be automated and Virginia certification will be issued upon successful NREMT certification.

Testing after
December 31, 2013

- Students/candidates will:
 - Take the Virginia psychomotor examination and the National Registry cognitive assessment examination.
 - Virginia certification will be issued upon successful completion of the exams outlined above.

Intermediate Process

Recertification

- Provider is current (not expired)
- Will take the Virginia written exam until December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing
- Will take NREMT Intermediate assessment examination after December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing

Reentry

- Provider has expired Virginia certification
- Will take the Virginia written exam until December 31, 2013
- Will take NREMT Intermediate assessment exam after December 31, 2013

Process & Timeline



Paramedic Process

Paramedic students/candidates will see no change the current processes used for certification testing.



Upon successful certification as a National Registry Paramedic, students in Virginia courses will automatically receive reciprocity and Virginia certification.

Paramedic Process

Recertification

- Provider is current (not expired)
- They will take the Virginia written exam until December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing
- They will take NREMT Paramedic cognitive assessment exam after December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing

Reentry

- Provider has expired Virginia certification
- They will take the Virginia written exam until December 31, 2013
- They will take NREMT Paramedic cognitive assessment exam after December 31, 2013

Challenges

- Candidates will:
 - Take the National Registry cognitive and psychomotor examination

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?



EMT Instructor Requirements

- EMT-Instructors will be required to register on the NREMT website as ***Program Directors***
 - This only applies to VEMSES qualified EMT Instructors
 - The Office will not approve non-VEMSES qualified instructors in the NREMT database
 - If the EMT Instructor currently has an NREMT certification, they can simply add a role to their existing NREMT account
- Current VEMSES qualified EMT Instructors need to register with National Registry by August 1, 2012.

EMT Instructor Requirements

- The NREMT account functions similarly to the Virginia CSDR.
 - allows instructors to mark and track their students/candidates through the testing process
 - allows the Office to track outcome statistics per instructor.
- The Office has developed *Quick Guides* to assist EMT Instructors with:
 - Setting up their National Registry accounts
 - Authorizing/marking students as eligible to test with National Registry
 - Directions for use by students/candidates to create an NREMT account and register for their cognitive exam.

BLS Course/Testing Cycle

Course Announcement

- Announce your certification course to the Office as you normally would.
- Submit EMSTF contract, if applicable
- Approval will be e-mailed to you and placed in your EMS Portal.

Conduct Course

- Submit Virginia Enrollment forms as you normally would
- Review Course Roster and check for 'ineligible students'
- Encourage students to create their NREMT accounts and register for testing...early registration is highly encouraged.

Last Class Meeting

- Complete "Last Class" paperwork with your students. Retain a copy for your records.
- Review CTS process with candidates
- Review National Registry process with candidates.

Virginia and NR Testing Process

- At the end of your course:
 - complete the CSDR as you normally would
 - mark student as eligible in the NREMT website
- Track students progress through the EMS Portal and NREMT website

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

